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Dear Sir:

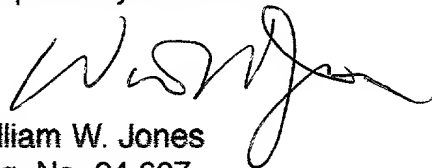
Enclosed please find a new patent application for:

"Method for Assaying Whole Blood for the Presence or Absence of Circulating Cancer or Other Target Cell Fragments"; by David L. Rimm et al; Attorney's Docket No. H-1296(3).

The inventors are David L. Rimm, Robert A. Levine, Stephen C. Wardlaw, and Paul Fiedler. The inventors are all US citizens. The inventors are independent inventors small entities entitled to small entity status.

Applicant's check in the amount of \$355.00 in payment of the filing fee is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted.



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